

2015 Lightning Fatalities

In 2015, there were 27 lightning deaths, 1 more than the 26 lightning fatalities in 2014 but down dramatically from the 30 year average of 48. Florida again numbered the most victims with 5, followed by Alabama with 4 deaths. In 2015, the most dangerous place to be was outside doing chores, fishing, boating or engaging in other non-team sports, where 12 people died (44%). The next most dangerous place was outside, specifically under a tree, where 6 deaths (22%) occurred or in an unknown location. In a switch from most years, males deaths, 16 (59%), were not dramatically more than female, 11 (41%). The hardest hit age range was adults aged 20-39 (12 deaths), but lightning fatalities occurred in all but the under 9 and 80+ age range categories.

2015 Lightning Fatalities by State and Location

State	BF	BO	CA	EQ	GF	IW	OT	OU	TE	UT	Total
AL (Alabama)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4
AR (Arkansas)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AZ (Arizona)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
CA (California)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
CO (Colorado)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
FL (Florida)	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	5
IA (Iowa)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
MO (Missouri)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
NC (North Carolina)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
NM (New Mexico)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
SD (South Dakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TX (Texas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
UT (Utah)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WV (West Virginia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	0	1	1	1	0	0	6	12	0	6	27
Percent	0.00	3.70	3.70	3.70	0.00	0.00	22.22	44.44	0.00	22.22	

2015 Lightning Fatalities by Age and Gender

Legend

BF -	Ball Field
BO -	Boating
CA -	Camping
EQ -	Heavy Equipment/Construction
GF -	Golfing
IW -	In Water
OT -	Other
OU -	Outside/Open Areas
TE -	Telephone
UT -	Under Tree

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	0	0	0	0	0.00
10 to 19	1	1	0	2	7.41
20 to 29	1	5	0	6	22.22
30 to 39	1	5	0	6	22.22
40 to 49	4	1	0	5	18.52
50 to 59	3	2	0	5	18.52
60 to 69	0	1	0	1	3.70
70 to 79	1	0	0	1	3.70
80 to 89	0	1	0	1	3.70
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total	11	16	0	27	
Percent	40.74	59.26	0.00		